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1. The sausage plant of the Industrial Enterprise of the Abja Rayon Consumers' Union (Promkombinat Abyaskogo rayotrebsoyuza) was located on the ground floor of a two-story building on Pärnu Road in Abja. The second story was used for living quarters. The walls of the first floor were of stone and those of the second of wood. The floors of the sausage plant were concrete. The plant was in operation in fall and winter and only occasionally in spring and summer. From time to time, the plant was inspected by a commission consisting of a doctor from the Abja hospital, a veterinarian, and two nurses.
2. The plant produced sausage principally for kolkhozy, although it did make a small amount for the Abja Cooperative. Three types of sausage were produced: A "liver" sausage made from offal which cost four rubles per kilogram and was hardly edible; a beef sausage which sold for 11 rubles per kilogram; and a pork sausage which cost 33 rubles per kilogram but which was rarely made.
3. The sausage plant employed three persons; two butchers and a charwoman. During periods of non-production, the three employees were assigned to repair work at the sausage plant, the bakery, or the lemonade plant.
4. The shoemakers' shop was located next door to the sausage plant. Because of the shortage of leather, most of the work consisted of repairing old shoes. New shoes were made only from leather supplied by the customer. There was also a shortage of strong shoemaker's thread, and the shoemakers had to provide it themselves. Prices for repair work were high; the repair of children's shoes

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sometimes cost as much as a pair of new shoes. Shoemakers earned a salary of approximately 50 rubles a week, but they often supplemented this by doing repair work on their own.

5. The shoemakers' shop had a manager and two shoemakers until March 1953, when one of the latter went to work in another section of the promkombinat. Milvi Saar was the manager after Rahn resigned. She was about 25 years old, blond, and of average height.
6. The following is the legend to  layout sketch of the sausage plant and the shoemaker's workshop. The numbers refer to pinpoints on the sketch.

#### Sausage Plant

- a. Butchering room. 25X1
  1. Table for cutting meat.
  2. Small cabinet used as a desk.
  3. Scales.
  4. Hooks for carcasses.
- b. Small storage room for sausages.
- c. Sausage preparation room.
  5. Cooking stove on top of which was a small iron stove.
  6. Small iron stove.
  7. Table for cutting meat.
  8. Sausage press.
  - 9 and 10. Wooden casks.
  11. Meat grinder.
  - 12 and 13. Driving belts with pulleys attached.
  14. Grinder and mixer of sausage meat, called hunt (wolf).
  15. Iron shaft under the ceiling to operate machinery.
- d. Room for the electric motor.
  16. Motor placed on a high foundation.
  17. Switch for the motor.
  18. Driving belt with pulley attached.
- e. Stairway to the second floor.

#### Smokehouse

- f. Room for boiling sausages, containing a stove with a large kettle.
- g. Room for smoking sausage and other meat.
- h. Shed for firewood.
- i. Meat storage building with stone walls.

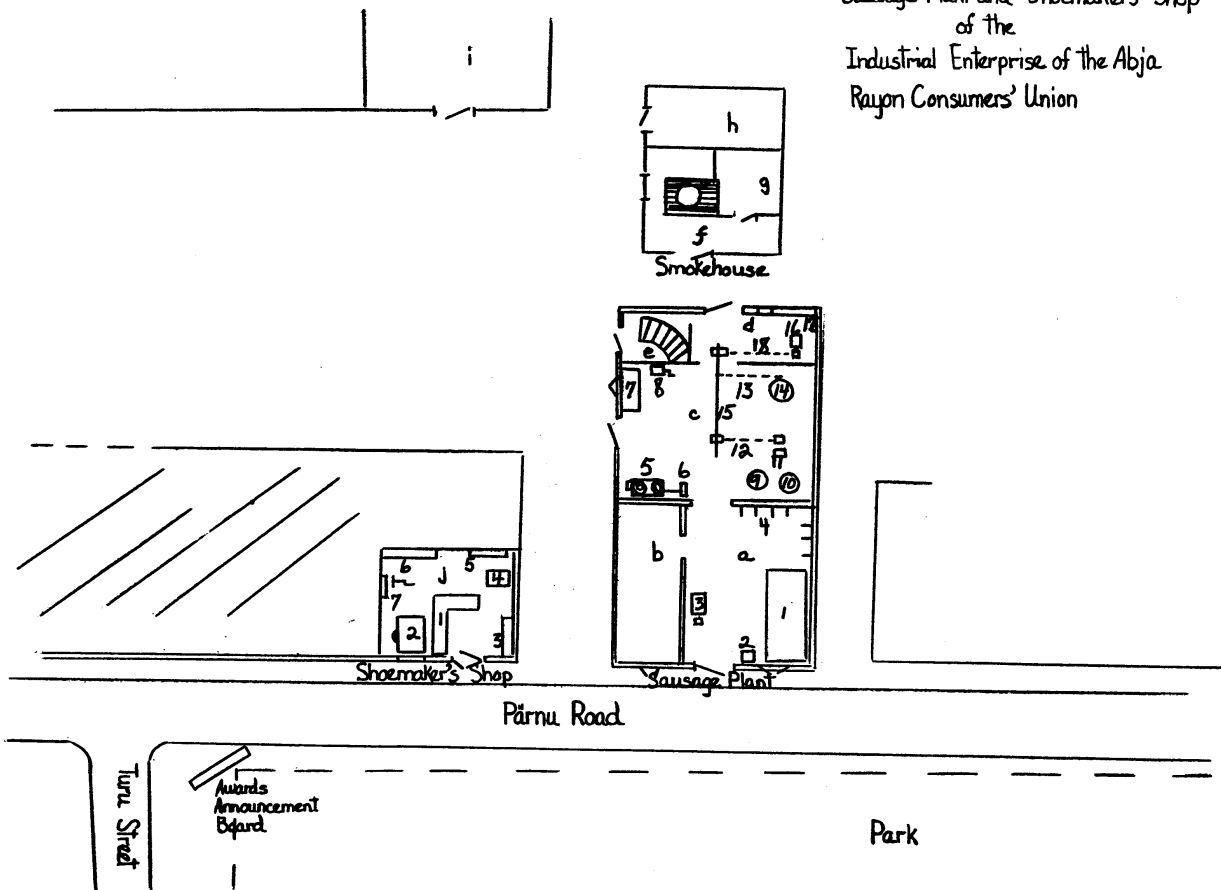
#### Shoemaker's Shop

- j. Room containing the shoemaker's shop.
  1. Counter-like table.
  2. Work table.
  3. Shelf for old footwear.
  4. Manager's table.
  5. Shelf for repaired footwear.
  6. Shelf for shoe stretchers.
  7. Board for performance graph showing execution of the plan.

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